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1. AT HIS RECEPTION LAST NIGHT FOR DEPARTING AID MISSION DIRECTOR, AMBASSADOR TOLD MINHEALTH FUAD MOHIE EL DIN THAT WE HAVE NOW RECEIVED THE DRAFT TEXT OF A PROPOSED NEW NAMRU AGREEMENT. IT WAS OUR UNDERSTANDING THAT THE PRINCIPLES OF THAT DRAFT TEXT HAD BEEN DISCUSSED AND GENERALLY AGREED UPON DURING THE MINISTER'S PERTINENT DISCUSSIONS IN WASHINGTON EARLIER THIS YEAR. WE WERE READY TO BEGIN NEGOTIATIONS WITH GOE, BUT WONDERED WHETHER MOHIE EL DIN WISHED US TO INITIATE THESE THROUGH HIM OR THROUGH MFA. WE WERE PREPARED TO DO SO EITHER WAY IN THE INTERESTS OF EXPEDITIOUS CONCLUSION.

2. MOHIE EL DIN RECALLED THAT AMBASSADOR AND HE HAD DISCUSSED DESIRABILITY OF A NEW NAMRU AGREEMENT FOR SOME TIME. HE WAS VAGUE ON ANY DISCUSSIONS HE MAY HAVE HAD IN WASHINGTON ON THE SUBJECT, BUT EXPRESSED GRATIFICATION THAT NEGOTIATIONS COULD NOW GET UNDERWAY. HE SUGGESTED THAT PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS TAKE PLACE WITH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH, AFTER WHICH MFA COULD BE BROUGHT INTO THE PICTURE. AMBASSADOR AND DR. MINER WILL ARRANGE

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MEET WITH MOHIE EL DIN NEXT FEW DAYS TO GIVE HIM DRAFT

TEXT FOR STUDY.

3. AMBASSADOR WILL ALSO INFORM FAHMY AND MFA THAT
PRELIMINARY DISCUSSIONS ON A NEW NAMRU AGREEMENT ARE
UNDERWAY WITH THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH.
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